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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INDICATIONS OF LIKELY OASGA STANDS
OF HOST GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 096699
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1. THE VIII OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS SCHEDULED FOR
WASHINGTON JUNE 21-30. ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS ON THE
AGENDA WILL BE HUMAN RIGHTS, WITH SPECIAL REPORTS BY THE
INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ON PARAGUAY AND
URUGUAY.

2. AS REPORTED REFTELS, THE AMBASSADORS OF EL SALVADOR
AND PARAGUAY CRITICIZED U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AT THE
OAS PROTOCOLARY SESSION APRIL 14 AND ACCUSED THE U.S. OF
INTERVENTION IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN CARRYING OUT
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OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND OF VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY SOME OF OUR ECONOMIC MEASURES.

3. REQUEST ARA POSTS ADVISE DEPARTMENT WHETHER HOST
GOVERNMENTS ARE LIKELY TO TAKE SIMILAR LINE AT VIII
OASGA. NO DIRECT APPROACH IS REQUIRED BUT, WHENEVER
APPROPRIATE, SOUNDINGS SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH FOREIGN

MINISTRY OFFICIALS .

WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN WHETHER COUNTRIES WITH POOR HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS WILL ATTACK THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, OR WHETHER STRONG SUPPORTERS OF THE IAHRC WILL LAUNCH ATTACKS ON URUGUAY/PARAGUAY, OR SINGLE OUT OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS NICARAGUA OR CHILE.

4. FYI: WE ARE AWARE OF VENEZUELA'S INTENTION TO FOCUS SPOTLIGHT ON NICARAGUA BUT MOST OAS AMBASSADORS SUGGEST IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS HERE THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS ARE ANXIOUS FOR PRODUCTIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION IN WHICH SEVERAL MAIN ISSUES ARE TREATED, INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT EXCLUSIVE CONCENTRATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS OR BITTER CONFRONTATION ARE AVOIDED. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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